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B) AGRICULTURE--HERE AGAIN THE FRENCH POSITION WAS CLEAREST AT ONE END OF THE SCALE. THE FRENCH NOTED THAT THE OVERALL APPROACH OF 1974 HAD BEEN SPECIFIC ON THE POINT OF RESPECT FOR EXISTING POLICIES. THE CURRENT COMMISSION PAPER WAS DEFECTIVE IN THIS REGARD AND SHOULD BE REVISED TO BRING OUT THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF THE CAP. THE FRENCH WERE CORRESPONDINGLY NEGATIVE ABOUT THE IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE BEING AGREED TO WITH REGARD TO COMMODITIES NOT INCLUDED IN COMMODITY ARRANGMENTS. SUCH DISCIPLINE OR CODES OF CONDUCT WOULD PUT INTO QUESTION THE IMPORT MECHANISMS OF THE CAP. THE PRINCIPAL EC AIM, IN THE FRENCH VIEW, SHOULD BE CONCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. THE FRENCH ATTITUDE ON AGRICULTURE WAS CLOSELY ECHOED BY THE IRISH (FITZGERALD). THE BRITISH, ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID THAT THE COMMISSION PAPER OVEREMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IN THAT ONLY 30 PERCENT OF WORLD AGRICULTURE TRADE WAS
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IN THE COMMODITIES PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN SUCH

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AGREEMENTS BY THE COMMISSION. THE BRITISH ALSO
WOULD LIKE TOHAVE THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF COMA
MODITY AGREEMENTS SPELLED OUT. THEY WELCOMED
THE COMMISSION'S SUGGESTION OF IMPROVED SURVEIL-
LANCE OF TRADE IN OTHER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
AND THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE.

THEY WOULD LIKE MORE PRECISION AS TO HOW
THESE COMMODITIES SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE MTNS.

6.SOAMES PROPOSED THAT A FULL DAY COUNCIL BE
HELD IN JANUARY TO DEAL MORE CONCERETELY WITH
THE QUESTIONS GIVEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT THIS
COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSE
SOAMES' SUGGESTION, BUT AGREED THAT DISCUSSION
SHOULD BE CONTINUED AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN
LATE JANUARY. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 20-21.

7. IN THE INTERIM, OUR PERM REP SOURCE SAYS,
THERE WILL BE FURTHER WORK BY COREPER AND THE
ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE, WITH THE BURDEN FALLING
MAINLY ON THE FORMER. THE ATTEMPT WILL NOT BE TO
RE-WRITE THE COMMISSION PAPER, BUT TO AMPLIFY OR
MAKE OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES OUT OF CERTAIN AS-
PECTS OF THE COMMISSION PAPER.THE MAIN POINTS TO BE
TAKEN UP ARE, IN HIS VIEW: A) WHAT FORMULA OR
FORMULAE TO ADOPT TO ACHIEVE BOTH TARIFF REDUCTION
AND HARMONIZATION; B) WHAT PRODUCTS SHOULD BE
EXCEPTIONS TO THE TARIFF REDUCTIONS; C) WHICH NTBS
SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE EC'S NEGOTIATING
REQUEST; D) AGRICULTURE--HERE THERE IS MUCH WORK
TO BE DONE, MAINLY ON WHAT IS MEANT BY JOINT OR
CONCERTED DISCIPLINE AND ON THE COMMISSION'S
COMMODITY AGREEMENT PROPOSALS; E) THE COMMUNITY
STILL NEEDS TO RESOLVE ITS INTERNAL DIFFERENCES
ON JUST HOW TO REVISE THE GATT SAFEGUARD CLAUSE.

8. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ALL OF THIS WORK CAN
BE CONCLUDED IN THE TWO WEEKS OF WORKING TIME
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BETWEEN THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND THE LATE JANUARY
COUNCIL. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, OUR SOURCE
SATATED, FOR THE COUNCIL TO ISSUE DIRECTIVES AT
LEAST ON TARIFFS AND AGRICULTURE, WHICH WILL BE
SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS.GREENWALD

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